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Governor Refunjol swears in a new Parliament



Aruba's new Parliament members

ORANJESTAD -- For the past month since national election on September 27,

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman has been meeting with various administrators, stake-

holders and politicians while forming his cabinet. Yesterday morning, Aruba's government

was back on the rails with the swearing in by Governor Fredis Refunjol of the 21 elected offi-

cials who will sit in Parliament, forming and passing legislation.

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The Prime Minister's party, Arubaanse Volkspartij, or AVP, the Aruban People's

Party, won 13 of the seats. Their party members who will hold a seat over the next

four years include returning parliamentarians, Lorna Varlack, Donald Rasmijn, Marlon Sneek, Desiree Croes, Rene Harde, Chris Dammers and Melvin Tromp. Clarisca Velasquez, Jennifer Arends-Reyes, Norman Roos and Jeffrey Kelly, join their ranks as does Mervyn Wyatt-Ras and Marisol Lopez-Tromp, veteran parliamentarians originally sitting for the MEP political Party.

The leader of the Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo, MEP, Evelyn Wever-Croes, returns to parliament joined by her colleagues,

Juan Thijsen, Xiomara Ruiz-Maduro, Dangui Oduber, Guilfred Besaril, Glenbert Croes, and Chris Romero for a total of seven seats in Parliament.

The single seat won by the Partido Real Democratico, or PDR, is held by the party's

leader, Andin Bikker.

The swearing in ceremony was observed by the new Cabinet of Ministers and Secretary of the Parliament, Jacqueline Bastiaan, moderated the event. A new President of and Vice President of Parliament will be elected

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Financial reports of Aruba are discussed in Parliament....a first in history!



Minister of Finance Mike de Meza

ORANJESTAD -- On Monday 25 annual financial reports of Aruba were discussed in Parliament. This was the first time in history that annual financial reports of Aruba were handled in Parliament.

The Minister of Finance reported that there are two laws. One law which deals with the period 1986 to 2010 and another law for 2011. This way we could have gone back each year, 2012, 2013 and ahead.

They made every effort to show the totality by passing the one of 25 years ago, 1986 up to 2010 in one sweep. After hearing the commentary of all the party fractions, Aruba can boast having all financial reports up-to-date like any developed country should.

Mike de Meza indicated that he is dedicating these fi-

nancial reports to all Ministers who served since Status Aparte, he named, Guillermo Trinidad, the first Minister of Finance, Mr. Roland Lacle, Armand Engelbrecht, Ella Tromp-Yarzagaray, Robertico Croes and Nilo Swaen. Each of these made a valuable contribution to Aruba.

De Meza indicated that the task of Minister of Finance is not an easy one. There are many critics along with the fact that you carry the complete financial situation of a country.

After Status Aparte this task of Minister of Finance has been the heaviest of all. Public Finances is a very delicate matter. Our economy is small, but we live on very high standard. "...When we compare ourselves with other countries in the region, this brings many challenges for us," according to de Meza.

De Meza also highlighted the excellent work by persons in the different departments as financial directors, he named, Booi Nicolaas, Roly Sintjago, Mr. Agumbero, Mrs. Curet, Erwin Croes and Dereck Werleman.

Finally, de Meza assured all that they are going to work diligently to produce a balanced budget and where possible even with a surplus!

Special traffic course given based on modernization of accident technology investigations

ORANJESTAD -- Two Dutch experts on traffic were recently here to facilitate a special course to 15 members of our local Police Corps. The course is related to the most modern technological analysis in traffic accident scenes. The Aruban Police has a very good working relationship with the police Force Rotterdam. This helps with the facilitation of technical assistance through courses and the exchange of valuable information. Members of the Traffic Department and a few from the motorized unit followed this course, which had duration of two weeks.

According to head of the Traffic Department, Ricardo Muller, this was a basic

course which entailed information regarding new instruments to measure marks on the roads in relation to accidents and also taking pictures in these situations. The course covered in addition to technology, different techniques to analyze accidents in general.

The Aruban community will not notice any difference in our work as traffic police. But there will be a significant change in the way accident investigations and the analysis of what took place is done. We will look at specific aspects when measuring, taking photos and doing analysis of accidents, according to Ricardo Muller.

They are planning a follow-up on the course with

other courses. They also plan to send colleagues to the Dutch Police Corps to specialize in traffic situations, according to Muller. The Aruban Police Corps is also preparing to request certain articles as cameras and instruments to measure from their counterparts in Holland. In this manner they can modernize their investigative methods and accident analysis.

The world is modernizing in all aspects and traffic must also follow suit. Hence, the Traffic Department has as one of her goals to keep abreast of all new developments. The excellent cooperation with the Aruba police Force and Rotterdam helps to facilitate our goals.

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Paseo Herencia invites the whole family to join their "Not So Scary Halloween Party" on Thursday October 31st



PALM BEACH -- On Thursday 31st, Halloween Day, Paseo Herencia will be celebrating their traditional "Not So Scary Halloween Party" with a tremendous fantasy show and dance especially for the kids.

Different stores and restaurants will be offering sweets to the kids and the first 500 children present at the event will receive a Halloween bag.

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costume will be chosen on this night.

Paseo Herencia send out a special invitation to all kids on Aruba to come and enjoy the magical show plus a water show especially for kids and much more.

"We are waiting on you and stay pending for our Christmas season which promises to be filled with Come and enjoy a pleasant evening in a safe ambiance where family is the main focus," said a Paseo Herencia's spokesperson.

Marriott says "Thank You" with the Icare Walk and Run celebrating global Customer Appreciation Week



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PALM BEACH, ARUBA – In the week of October 26 – November 1, Marriott Sales teams worldwide are celebrating Global Customer Appreciation Week (GCAW), thanking their local and international clients for their business and support.

In conjunction with the GCAW, the Aruba Marriott Resort Sales, Marketing and Reservations team organized a 5 km Icare walk and run on Saturday October 26 at 6:30 am. Close to 200 participants signed up for the fun walk including local runners, Marriott associates and guests. Together with the Marriott Care Foundation, the team decided to donate the profits to local school "Duna un Man", a local elementary school for special children. With these funds they will be able to build a playground at the school with special toys.

Participants received a special T-shirt and fitness towel with the logo Icare as a token of appreciation and had a chance to win great door prizes.

A big thank you to all participants and everyone who donated to Scol Duna un Man.

The Aruba Marriott team looks forward to see you at the next fun walk/run.



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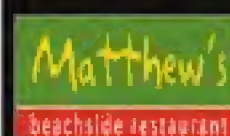
Matthew's beachside restaurant presents - "PINK BACK TO THE 80'S KARAOKE HALLOWEEN PARTY"

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Matthew's beachside restaurant located at Casa del Mar Beach Resort, will have a lot of freaky prizes, Best and Worst costumes prizes for adults and kids, Jelly shots, Spin the Spooky wheel and much more surprises.

Mr. Lloyd will host the evening and our staff will prepare a surprise show this evening. Come help us to choose our best employee Halloween Costume of the night.

Party will start at 9 pm till 11 pm. This will be the best Halloween ever!! See you all... For info call us 588 7300

ORANJESTAD -- This Wednesday October 30, 2013 come and join us together with our special event this year with Mary Joan Foundation. This foundation supports breast cancer women of Aruba since 2007. The Mary Joan Foundation's goal is to serve those women in our community who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The foundation receives

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‘How to Dream Big’ presentation to youth of Aruba



Group of Key Club members with Dr. Vora



Group of Rainbow Girls with Dr. Vora



Youth Parliament members with Dr. Vora



Group of Indian community members with Dr. Vora

Year 2013 marks 60th anniversary of successful ascent of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain peak in the world at 29,029 feet. This year also marks the first successful attempt by an Indian in climbing Everest and thus completing his seven summits in all seven continents.

Dr Manoj Vora is now a US-based internist and married to an American lady Sheree with 3 lovely daughters. At the age of 43, he was inspired to do the 7 summits in all 7 continents around the world after reading the book ‘Seven Summits’ by Dick Bass & Frank Wells. For the next 10 years, he pursued this new found passion which he turned in to a purpose of his life. As for 7th & highest summit in the world Mt Everest, after a failure in climbing it suc-

cessfully in 2010 which he gave up at around 24000 feet, he finally achieved this feat on May 23, 2013. He said that spirituality played a major part in training the mind. It is always mind over body that pushes it to its limits. It is the mind that drives the climber to his goal.

Dr. Manoj Vora's motto is:

"Inspiring the next generation to dream big"

His message:

"I pray for world peace. I would like to inspire people to dream big, work hard to accomplish their dreams and once their dreams are realized to help others realize their dreams." True to his mission, he gave strong appeal to the youth to dream big. He exhorted that the next generation has to do better than the previous one as they stand on the shoulders of their ancestors.

Indian Association of Aruba gave a warm welcome to Dr. Vora for presenting such an exciting and inspirational talk to the youth of Aruba that comprised of Key Clubbers, Order of Demolay, Rainbow girls, Youth parliament and the youth from Indian Association of Aruba. Prakash Gupta, President of Indian Association presented to Dr. Vora a certificate on behalf of all present as a token of their appreciation. Accompanying photos show the ambience at Aruba Marriott Grand Ballroom.



Gupta family with Dr. Manoj & Sheree Vora

Miss Universe Aruba Stefanie Guillen doing a tremendous job in Russia!



ORANJESTAD -- Star Promotion Foundation (SPF) recently received the good news of the good job our Miss Universe Aruba is doing in Russia. Aruba's representative Stefanie Guillen is participating at the most important beauty pagaent, the Miss Universe which is taking place this year in Moscow.

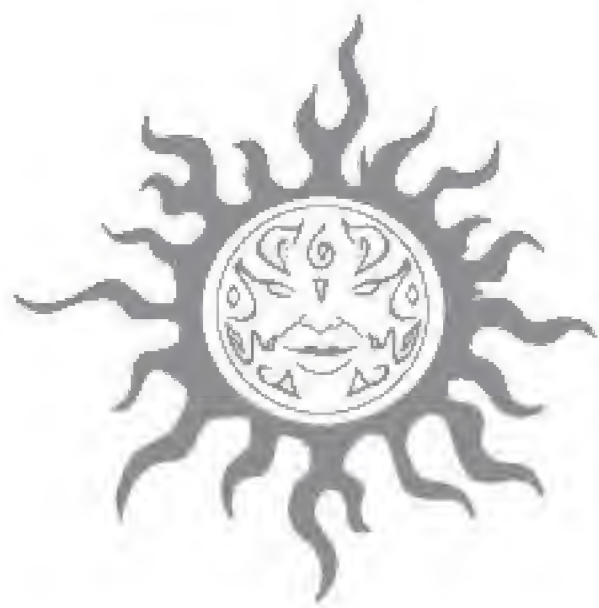
Miss Aruba is in Moscow one week already and is doing her utmost to represent our island and push Aruba's name to the top.

The candidated already posed in their bathing suits, evening gow and headshot. In the bathing-suit event our Miss Aruba was the talk as many commented that she looked like a moviestar. Her look was prepared by Ramses de Jesus.

The Miss Universe 2013 will take place on November 9th in Moscow.

The entire Aruban population will be pending for the presentation of our Miss Aruba Stefanie in Moscow





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US lawmakers urge resumption of Egypt military aid

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmakers Tuesday urged the White House to lift its suspension of military aid to Egypt, warning freezing funds and weapons deliveries might unravel decades of cooperation with a key regional ally.

Democratic Representative Eliot Engel, ranking member of the House foreign affairs committee, said he had initially supported a temporary halt to deliveries of F-16 aircraft to the Egyptian military following its ouster of president Mohamed Morsi in July.

"But today I do not believe that suspending the military aid will make the Egyptian government more democratic or make it easier for the United States to influ-

ence its behavior in the future," he told the committee.

"In fact, I think it's more than likely to have the opposite effect. And I'm afraid it could jeopardize the close US-Egypt military cooperation that we've worked so hard to build over the last several decades."

The United States earlier this month said it was recalibrating its \$1.5 billion a year in annual aid to Cairo including 1.3 billion in military aid after the bloody repression of Morsi supporters since his ouster.

Marking a dramatic break with years of unqualified support to Cairo, President Barack Obama in early October decided to freeze deliveries of big-ticket items, including Apache helicopters, F-16 fighter jets, M1A1

Abrams tank parts and Harpoon missiles.

More than 1,000 people -- mainly Morsi supporters -- have been killed since July 3 -- and authorities have rounded up some 2,000 Islamists, including most of the Muslim Brotherhood's leadership.

Engel condemned the violence and agreed that "it's clear that the Egyptian military has made some serious mistakes in managing the ongoing transition."

"But if I were given the choice between the military and the Brotherhood, I'd take the military every time."

Committee chairman Ed Royce worried about harming security operations on the Sinai peninsula, and exposing other regional allies to greater insecurity.



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US spy chiefs hit back in Europe row

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US espionage chiefs hit back Tuesday in a row over mass spying, saying reports American eavesdroppers scooped up millions of phone records in Europe, were "completely false."

In a stunning twist to the transatlantic spying storm, General Keith Alexander, head of the National Security Agency, said that in many cases European spy agencies had accessed phone records and shared them with the NSA.

The revelations came as a senior official said President Barack Obama was considering banning US spies from tapping the telephones of allied leaders, in the wake of German outrage over alleged snooping on Chancellor Angela Merkel's communications.

America's European allies have spent days angrily protesting after newspaper reports, based on leaks from fugitive analyst Edward Snowden, that Washington collected tens of millions of telephone calls and online communications in Europe as part as a vast anti terror sweep.

But two top spy agency chiefs testifying before Congress said the reports were based on a misunderstanding of information passed by Snowden to European news-

papers.

"The assertions by reporters in France, Spain, Italy that NSA collected tens of millions of phone calls are completely false," Alexander told the House Intelligence Committee.

"To be perfectly clear, this is not information that we collected on European citizens," he said.

Hours earlier, the Wall Street Journal reported that electronic spying was carried out by the intelligence agencies of France and Spain -- outside their own borders and sometimes in war zones -- and was then passed onto the NSA.

The claims, if true, could embarrass European governments which have vehemently protested to the United States about alleged overreaching and infringements on the privacy of its citizens by the NSA.

Alexander said journalists had misinterpreted leaked data about the alleged spying operations.

"They cite as evidence screen shots of the results of a web tool used for data management purposes, but both they and the person who stole the classified data did not understand what they were looking at," he said.

Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, backed up claims that the European media reports were wrong.

Support for death penalty lowest in four decades in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Support for the death penalty is at a four-decade low in the United States, though most Americans -- three out of five -- still favor it, a new Gallup poll out Tuesday found.

Sixty percent of Americans say they back capital punishment for convicted killers; that is the lowest figure since November 1972 when the death penalty had 57% of Americans' support, the survey found.

By 1994, eight in 10 Americans supported execution, a high from which it since has edged lower.

About 44% of respondents said the death penalty was not imposed often enough, Gallup also found in its survey of 1,028 people from October 3-6. It has a margin of error of plus or minus four points.

Of the 50 US states, 32 implement the death penalty, while 18 plus the federal capital city of Washington have abolished it.

International News

188 nations back UN vote against US Cuba embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - A record-equalling 188 countries on Tuesday backed an annual UN General Assembly vote condemning the five-decade-old US embargo against communist Cuba.

The United States found only one other country, Israel, to oppose the resolution, down from two allies in last year's vote, in a sign of mounting opposition to the blockade.

Three Pacific island states normally close to the United States -- Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Palau -- abstained as the barrage of criticism against the embargo reached a new peak in the 193-member UN Assembly.

China, Iran, which has launched a bid to thaw relations with the US administra-

tion, Latin American and African nations all publicly condemned the United States.

"The US policy against Cuba is suffering from an absolute international isolation and discredit and lacks every ethical or legal ground," Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla said.

While the United States has eased travel restrictions on Cubans, Parrilla said: "Sanctions remain intact and are being fully implemented."

Cuba has lost more than \$11 trillion dollars because of the embargo, according to the minister who told the meeting how the blockade prevents Cuba from getting heart and anti-AIDS drugs for children.

The United States is being used as an "external scape-

goat" for the island's problems, a US diplomat, Ronald Godard, hit back in an address to the meeting.

"Our sanctions policy toward Cuba is just one of the tools in our overall effort to urge respect for the civil and human rights" upheld by the UN, Godard said.

He said that two billion dollars in remittances were sent to Cuba from the United States in 2012 and that the United States is the biggest foreign food supplier to the island.

"The international community cannot in good conscience ignore the ease and frequency with which the Cuban regime silences critics, disrupts peaceful assembly (and), impedes independent journalism," Godard said in an appeal to other countries to oppose the resolution.

Norwegian man buys flat with forgotten \$24 bitcoin investment

OSLO (AFP) - A Norwegian man who purchased \$24 worth of bitcoins and then promptly forgot about it for four years, was able to buy an apartment in central Oslo thanks to the massive appreciation of the virtual currency.

In 2009, Kristoffer Koch was doing research on encryption and on a whim decided to invest a small sum in the recently created bitcoins - a means of payment over the Internet.

Koch, now 29 and working as an engineer, only remembered the investment in

April of this year when he read an article about the soaring value of bitcoins.

His 5,000 bitcoins were suddenly worth around \$690,000 (500,000 euros).

After spending a full day trying to remember his password, Koch cashed in 1.1 million kroner (135,000 euro, \$186,000), by selling a fifth of his newly acquired fortune.

After deducting 28 percent in taxes, the money was enough for the downpayment and restoration of a flat worth 2.6 million kroner in central Oslo, one of the world's most

expensive cities.

"Not in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that they would have soared like this," Koch said.

"It's bizarre, these psychological reflexes that make us attach a value to something that doesn't have any in itself."

Bitcoins can be exchanged for real money or used to purchase goods and services online.

The virtual currency is increasingly used for Internet transactions and its value is extremely volatile, subject to speculation.

Abducted husband of Rio policewoman beheaded

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A Rio policewoman made a gruesome discovery outside her home Tuesday: a backpack containing the head of her husband who had been kidnapped overnight, police said.

The victim, a 35-year-old shopkeeper and former footballer, was abducted outside his shop near Rio's Minha Deusa shantytown and whisked away in his own car by unidentified assailants.

Police said the policewoman ventured outside her home early Tuesday and recognized her husband's backpack.

"She opened the backpack and inside was the head,"

they added.

According to the G1 news website, the eyes and the tongue of the victim had been plucked out and police believe a local drug gang may be responsible.

The policewoman belongs to one of the city's Police Pacification Units (UPPS) set up in 2008 to occupy and impose order in favelas.

Brazilian authorities are battling to reassert control in lawless areas ahead of the next year's World Cup, after evicting the drug traffickers who had previously held sway.

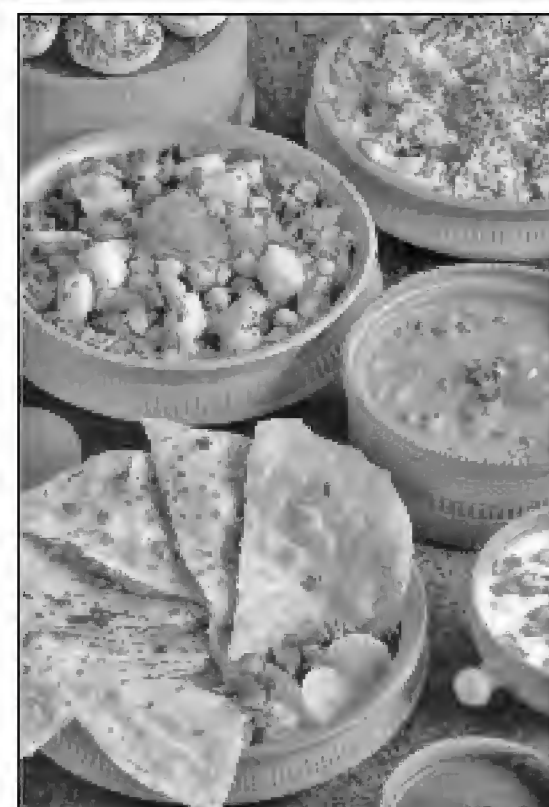
It was the second bloody incident in a few days in the area, where seven people

were gunned down last Thursday in what police also believe may have been gang-related violence.

Despite the deployment of the UPPs, violence often flares in the favelas and is sometimes blamed on police.

In Rocinha, Rio's biggest favela, 25 members of the local UPP were recently jailed for roles in the torture and killing of construction worker Amarildo de Souza in July and for trying to blame traffickers.

Several protests have since been held across Rio to demand "Where is Amarildo?" These frequently end in clashes with police.



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Dutch museum artworks may be Nazi loot, probe reveals

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A probe by Dutch museums revealed Tuesday that 139 of their artworks may have been stolen or forcibly acquired by the Nazis during World War II, many from Jewish owners.

Around a quarter of the 162 Dutch museums that took part in the probe into art acquisitions between 1933 and 1945 have objects with "potentially problematic history", the Netherlands Museum Association said.

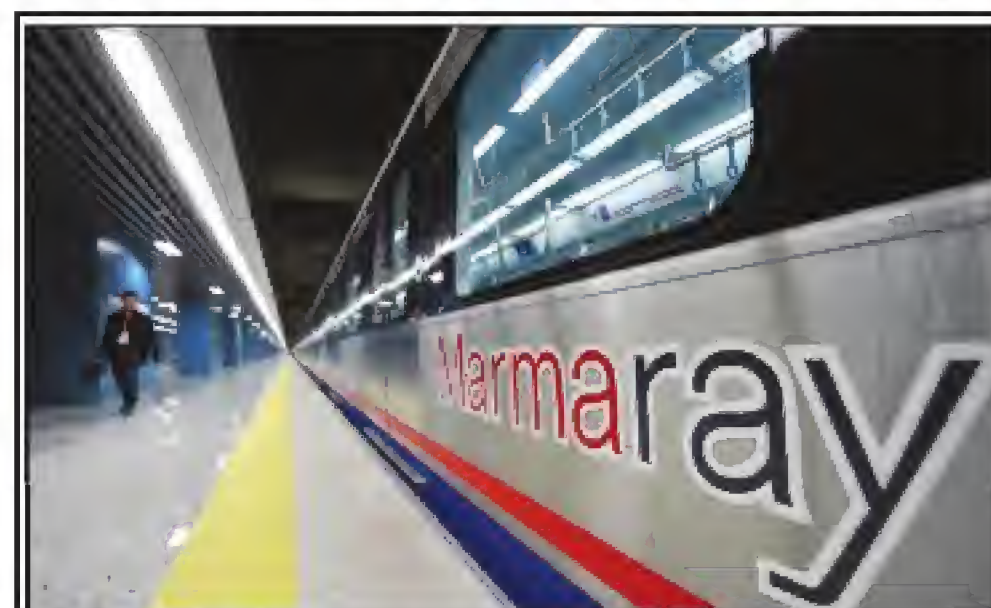
The questionable objects consist of 69 paintings, two sculptures, 31 decorative art objects, 13 Jewish ritual objects

and 24 drawings.

The probe's findings were announced to coincide with the launch of a website (www.musealeverwervingen.nl) which details the objects and their histories, with the aim of getting help to complete missing information.

"The Museum Acquisitions research from 1933 gets to the heart of what museums do: studying their collections and telling the story to the public," said the project's director, Siebe Weide.

Names of the original owners have been attributed to 61 objects, the association said.



ISTANBUL (AFP) - A train is stationed at the Uskudar Marmaray station ahead of its inauguration ceremony in Istanbul on October 29, 2013. Turkey will unveil the world's first sea tunnel connecting two continents, fulfilling a sultan's dream 150 years ago in a three-billion-euro mega project driven by the Islamic-rooted government. The 13.6-kilometre (8.5 mile) long tunnel linking Istanbul's European and Asian sides includes an immersed tube tunnel which officials say is the world's deepest at 60 metres (nearly 200 feet) below the seabed.



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PARIS (AFP) - Mowing the lawn or washing the car are among simple activities that can reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke by almost 30 percent in people over 60, researchers said Tuesday.

A study in Sweden found that older people who were physically active around the house stayed healthier longer

than couch potatoes -- regardless of whether they also did any kind of "formal" exercise like jogging or going to the gym.

While the health risks of prolonged sitting and the benefits of regular exercise have both been well documented, the contribution to good health of "non-exercise physical activity (NEPA)" is not fully understood.

For the study, researchers screened nearly 4,000 Swedish 60-year-olds in 1997-99 and tracked their health for an average 12.5 years.

The participants recorded how frequently they performed certain activities, including doing home repairs, cutting the lawn or hedge, car maintenance, going hunting or fishing, cycling, and gathering mushrooms or berries.

The researchers found that

people with high levels of physical activity, excluding formal exercise, had a 27 percent lower risk of contracting cardiovascular disease compared with inactive people, and a 30 percent lower risk of death from all causes during the study period.

The results were "not significantly different" from those for people who did do regular formal exercise but had low NEPA levels, the study said.

Those who did both had the lowest risk.

The researchers factored in other lifestyle factors that could influence the results, including alcohol intake, education level, smoking habits and diet.

And they warned that care should be taken applying the findings in cultures that may have different physical activity habits and levels.

The pros and cons of swaddling your child



PARIS (AFP) - The ancient practice of "swaddling" a baby in a blanket, arms restrained and legs stretched out, is making a comeback, but experts warned Tuesday it was bad for infant hips.

While many parents say the technique is soothing and aids their child's sleep, researchers underlined that links have been observed to osteoarthritis and hip replacement in middle age.

"Traditional swaddling is a risk factor for DDH (developmental dysplasia of the hip),"

paediatric orthopaedic surgeon Nicholas Clarke wrote in the Archives of Disease in Childhood, a British journal.

"In order to allow for healthy hip development, legs should be able to bend up and out at the hips. This position allows for natural development of the hip joint and pressed together."

In order to allow for healthy hip development, legs should be able to bend up and out at the hips. This position allows for natural development of the hip joints.

Cited figures shows that about 90 percent of infants in North America are nowadays swaddled in the first few months of life, and that demand for swaddling clothes increased by 61 percent over a year in the UK in 2010-11.

The practice, believed to go as far back as the ancient Greeks and Romans, is said to mimic the baby's experience in the womb by creating a sense of warmth and security with light pressure all over the body.

It fell out of favour in the Western world decades ago over fears of adverse effects, but remains popular in the Middle East and some tribal communities.

An education programme in Japan against swaddling saw the prevalence of hip dislocation halve, said Clarke.

Store-bought swaddling clothes must have a loose pouch or sack for the baby's legs and feet, allowing for plenty of hip movement and flexing, he added.

Commenting on the article, orthopaedic surgeon Andreas Roposch of the Great Ormond Street children's hospital in London, agreed there was evidence that swaddling could affect the normal development of infant hips.

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Samsung steps out from behind Google to woo developers



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Samsung courted "app" makers at its first developers conference, stepping out of Google's shadow when it comes to software powering mobile devices.

About 1,300 people attending the event, which continues

through Tuesday at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, delved into techniques for making applications that work across an array of Samsung devices.

"Samsung is really trying to get people excited about their platform," said independent Silicon Valley analyst Rob Enderle. "Samsung has been trying to pull a lot of the emphasis away from Google and get developers to be loyal to them and not Google."

During a keynote presentation Monday in a packed ballroom, Samsung executives showed off new software development kits but there was little mention of Android, the Google-made operating system on which the South Korean company's smartphone empire stands.

Google consistently draws thousands of developers to sold-out annual conferences in San Francisco where software wizards hone skills for building fun, functional or hip "apps" for devices powered by the California Internet giant's operating systems.

Sessions at the Samsung conference included many devoted to customized Android operating software.

The South Korean consumer electronic titan is also developing its own Tizen operating system and likely wants developers making apps for it before products hit the market, according to Enderle. Samsung Electronics released new kits for creating consumer or business applications on the company's smartphones, tablets, and smart television screens.

Samsung is the top maker of mobile devices powered by Google's free Android operating system, which dominates the global market.

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Toddlers getting more tablet use: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The craze for tablets and smartphones is spreading to ever younger users.

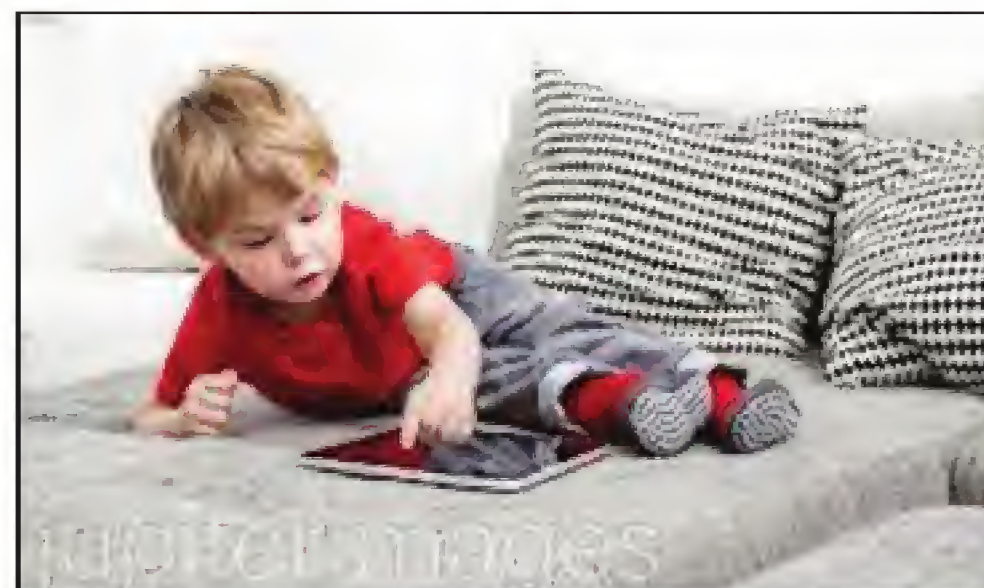
A new study of American households found 38 percent of toddlers and infants under the age of two have used a mobile device such as a tablet or smartphone, compared to 10 percent in 2011.

The study by Common Sense Media said young children up to age eight still spend more time with "traditional" screen media such as TV, DVDs, computers, and video games, but that this is shifting. Overall screen time is down by 21 minutes, with mobile time up 10 minutes, the study found. Viewing on a television set still makes up half of all screen time.

"This is quite an extraordinary shift for our young children," said James Steyer, chief executive and founder of Common Sense Media.

"In the past we could measure and control exactly where, when, and how they were engaging with screens. Now, mobile devices follow our kids from room to room," he said.

"The media children consume can have a profound impact on their learning, social development, and behavior, and the only way to maximize the positive impact -- and minimize the negative -- is to have an accurate understanding of



the role it plays in their lives. These kids are true digital natives."

The average amount of time children spend using mobile devices has tripled, from five minutes a day to 15 minutes a day for the zero-to-eight age group, the study found, and the number of kids who have used mobile devices has nearly doubled from 38 to 72 percent.

"I've never seen a new medium take hold among little kids this fast," said researcher Vicky Rideout. "As many little babies and one-year-olds have used smartphones or tablets today as all kids under eight had done just two years ago."

The most common mobile media activity among children is playing games, cited by 63 percent of parents. And parents also said 30 percent of kids used these devices for reading.

The study found educa-

tional TV is the most popular screen activity among young children, with 61 percent watching some programming.

On average, children in this age group read or are read to for just under half an hour a day, roughly the same as in 2011.

The report is based on a survey of 1,463 parents of children age eight and under including an "over-sample" of African-American and Latino parents from May 20 to June 12.

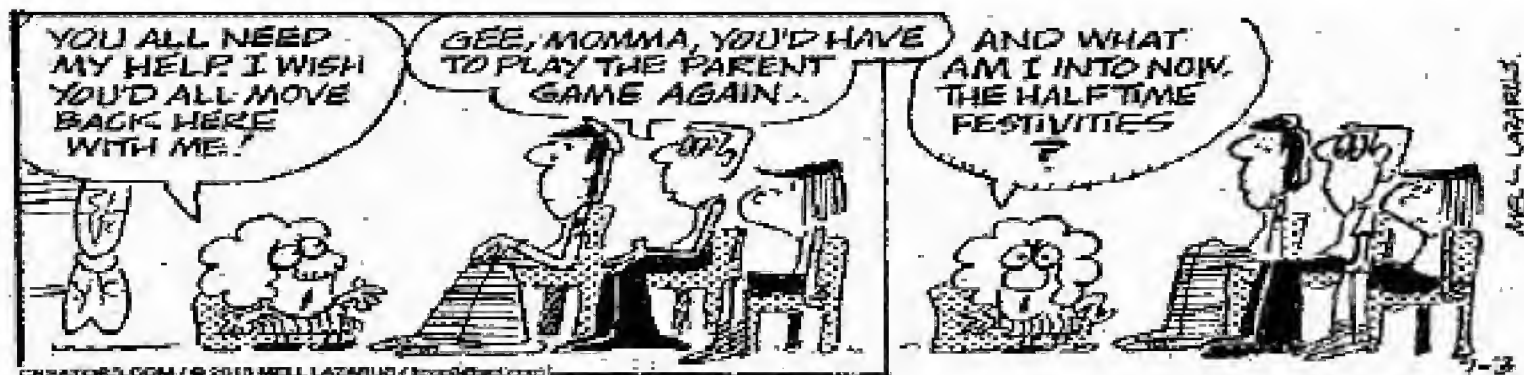


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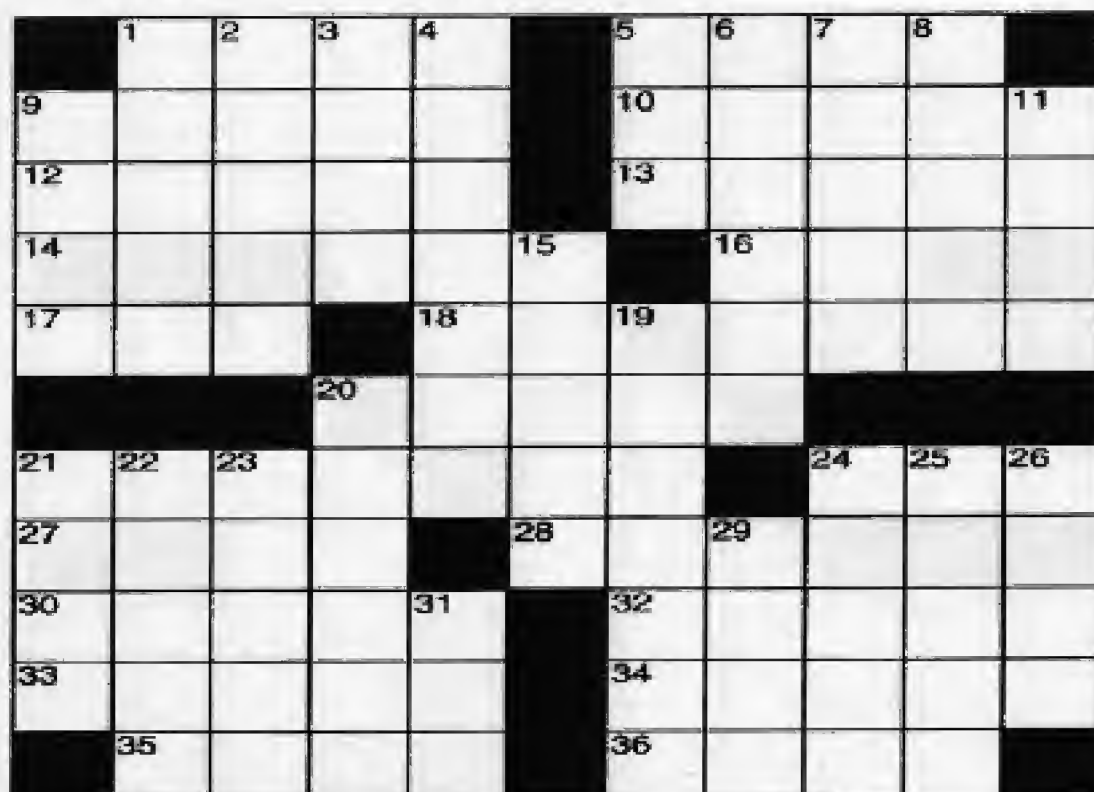
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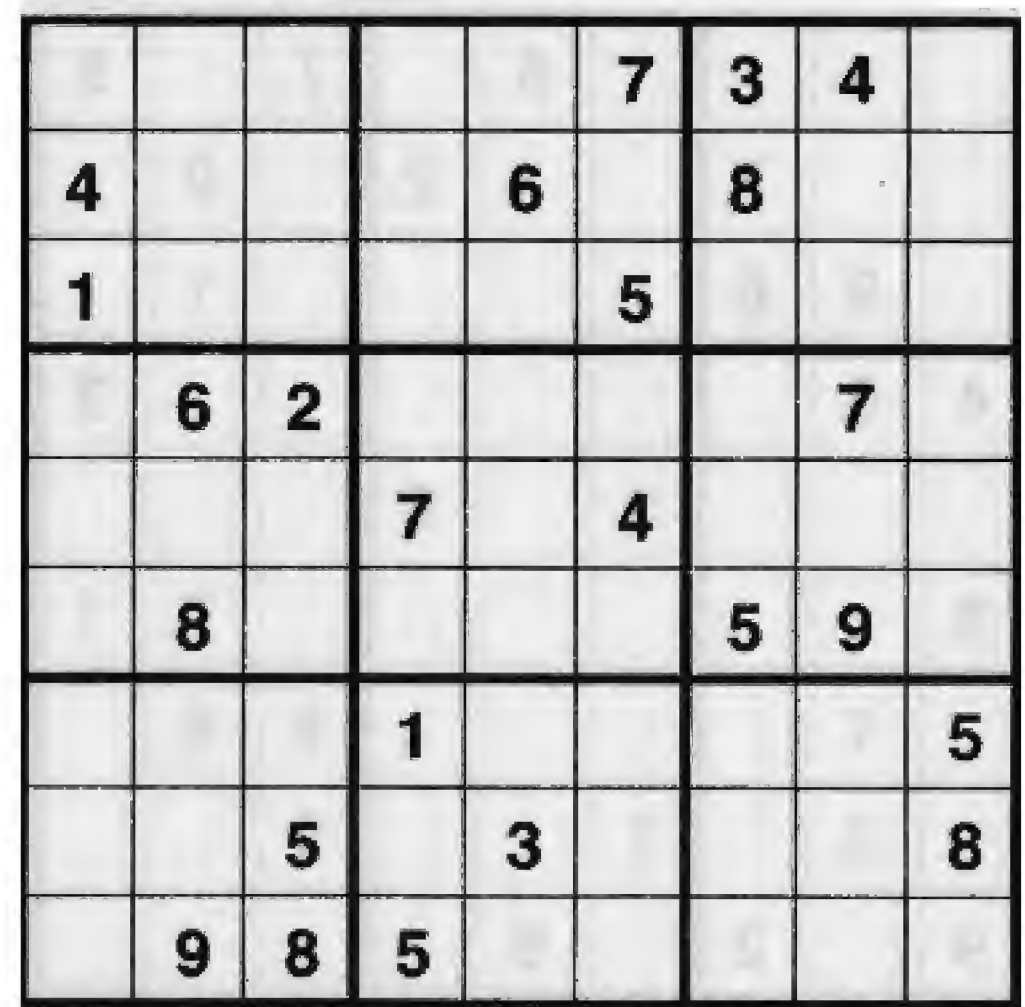
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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	247.68
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Dollar gains ahead of Fed policy decision

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The dollar gained against the euro and other major currencies Tuesday as markets waited to see what Federal Reserve policymakers would say about the economy after their meeting on Wednesday.

The Fed is expected to stand pat on its policy, leaving its \$85 billion a month stimulus unchanged, but could still give a picture of when the much-anticipated taper of the QE3 program could begin.

At 2100 GMT, the euro was at \$1.3744, compared with \$1.3785 late Monday.

The dollar rose to 98.17 yen from 97.65, while the euro was at 134.93 yen, up from 134.62.

The British pound fell against the greenback, to \$1.6045 from \$1.6141, while the dollar rose to 0.8988 Swiss franc from 0.8955 franc.

The dollar has sunk steadily since September when the Fed surprised markets by holding back from trimming the stimulus.

Since then the US economic picture has worsened somewhat, with growth hit by the 16-day partial government shutdown early this month and weakened confidence due to the political battles in Wash-

ington over economic policy.

With expectations of a continued easy-money flow from the Fed, traders have sought higher yields in Europe, sending the euro to \$1.3830 on Friday, the dollar's worst position against the euro since November 2011.

After scandals, regulator orders UBS to boost balance sheet

ZURICH (AFP) - Following a string of scandals, a Swiss regulator has ordered the country's biggest bank, UBS, to significantly increase the cash it has available to deal with legal and compliance issues.

FINMA, the Swiss financial market regulator, had ordered the banking behemoth to temporarily increase by 50 percent the capital it sets aside to deal with operational risks, including unexpected legal cases.

The bank, which is in the midst of a massive restructuring after turmoil during the financial crisis, said the order had come after FINMA examined its "recent loss history with the capital underpinning for operational risks."

As a result, UBS said that from the fourth quarter it would increase its so-called Risk Weighted Assets by 28 billion francs (\$31.2 billion, 22.7 billion euros), and would thereby need to significantly hike the amount of cash it has on hand.

It warned that the move could postpone a key earnings target.

The Zurich-based bank had previously said it aimed to reach a 15-percent return on equity by 2015, but said Tuesday this could now be delayed

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Financial regulators in three countries fined Tuesday Dutch Rabobank 774 million euros (\$1.1 billion), the latest bank to be engulfed by the the Libor rate-fixing scandal.

The Financial Conduct Authority has fined Rabobank for "serious, prolonged and widespread misconduct" relating to Libor, Britain's FCA said, echoing rulings from US and Dutch authorities.

Libor, or the London Interbank Offered Rate, is a global benchmark that is calculated daily, using estimates from banks of their own interbank rates.

It underpins the terms of \$500 trillion of contracts from mortgages to the cost of corporate lending.

However, the system has been found to be open to abuse, with some traders lying about borrowing costs to boost trading positions or make their bank seem more secure.

"by at least one year."

Following the announcement, the price of UBS shares plunged 7.7 percent to close at 17.70 francs. The Swiss stock exchange's main index was down 0.65 percent.

When contacted by AFP, FINMA would not say whether the new requirement was linked to a probe it opened earlier this month into suspicions UBS had violated financial reporting rules.

UBS is in the process of turning the page on its recent dark period, and announced a massive restructuring a year ago, including 10,000 job cuts and a shift of focus to wealth management and a scaling down of its scandal-plagued investment bank.

The investment bank burdened UBS with catastrophic losses during the 2008 subprime crisis and more recently dragged the bank's name through the mud and was slapped with a 1.4-billion-franc fine when it came to light that its traders had rigged the Libor Interbank lending rate that determines numerous financial and interest rate contracts around the world.

In July, US regulators also fined the bank \$885 million over the subprime debacle.

FINANCE

Dutch Rabobank fined 774 mn euros over Libor scandal

Rabobank had for almost six years between May 2005 and January 2011 allowed money market traders to manipulate Libor submissions to benefit foreign currency trading positions, the FCA said.

Traders also colluded with "individuals at other Libor panel banks and interdealer firms to influence Libor submission, the FCA said.

"Rabobank's misconduct is among the most serious we have identified on Libor," added Tracey McDermott, the FCA's director of enforcement and financial crimes.

The Netherlands' second-largest bank's "poor internal controls encouraged collusion between traders and Libor submitters and allowed systematic attempts at benchmark manipulation," the FCA added.

"Rabobank did not fully address these failings until August 2012, despite assuring the FCA in March 2011 that suitable arrangements were in place," the statement added.

In response Rabobank said it has "entered into settlements with various authorities and agreed to pay 774 million euros."

Eurogroup chairman and Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem on Tuesday said "shameless fraud was committed by money market traders, miles away from the cooperative ideals of Rabobank."

Rabobank is a cooperative and prides itself on its ethics and integrity.

"The Libor affair renews the mistrust in the financial sector," Dutch news agency ANP quoted him as saying.

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said that Rabobank would pay it \$475 million after it "pervasively rigged key interest rate benchmarks".

The Libor scandal erupted last year when British bank Barclays was fined £290 mil-

lion by British and US regulators for attempted manipulation of Libor interbank rates and eurozone equivalent Euribor between 2005 and 2009.

Rabobank, headquartered in the central city of Utrecht, is the fifth bank to settle with financial authorities and the fine is the second-largest to be imposed after the 1.4 billion Swiss francs (1.1 billion euros, \$1.5 billion) penalty slapped on UBS last year.

London has already announced it will take calculation of Libor away from the British Bankers' Association and hand it to NYSE Euronext beginning early next year, the owner of the New York Stock Exchange.

The European Commission in September unveiled plans to better regulate key financial benchmarks such as Libor and Euribor in the wake of the scandal.

The plan aims to bring some measure of central supervision to a system that until now was largely run and supervised by the banks themselves and will be overseen by national administrators working in tandem with the Paris-based European Securities and Markets Authority.

Barclays, Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS and British broker Icap have already paid huge fines to British and US authorities, but Barmer said he believed some bankers "should have gone to prison".

Under his plans, which have to be approved by the 28 EU member states and the European Parliament, benchmark rates "will be subject to prior authorisation and on-going supervision at national and European level."

They would also require that the information used to calculate a benchmark was indeed accurate, reflecting the true cost of money in the market.

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'Afghan girl' photographer tells stories behind images



PARIS (AFP) - Photographer Steve McCurry remembers exactly how he got his famed 1983 shot of two Pakistani waiters passing a tea tray precariously along the outside of a moving train.

"I leaned out the window and someone was holding my legs but I was thinking, 'Oh no this is not going to end well'," he said, recalling the photograph he took one morning three decades ago as breakfast was served between Peshawar and Lahore.

Hanging perilously from hand rails between the dining car and first class, the waiters dressed in white uniforms and green and gold turbans were passing the tray along the outside of the carriages because the connecting doors had been locked for security reasons.

McCurry, 63, whose many memorable images have earned him a reputation as one of the foremost photographers of his generation, says he weighed up the risk and decided it was worth it.

"I'd rather take the risk than not take the risk and then always wonder if I should have. I think there's nothing worse than being timid," he told AFP in an interview in Paris.

"Sometimes you just have to evaluate the risk and say 'you know what, I have to do this'," he said.

It's just one of many stories behind the photographs recounted in McCurry's latest book, "Steve McCurry Untold".

In it, he revisits not only some of his best-known images but also decades' worth of notes, letters and other ephemera such as tickets and receipts.

Packed away and forgotten in drawers and cupboards after returning from assignments over the years, they give a sense of the planning and technical difficulties involved in capturing such pictures.

"It's almost like archaeology, things, layers, stacks of things accumulated as years

and decades passed," he said.

"Documents and pictures that were not part of the story, that were never published, but were still a piece of the puzzle," he said.

McCurry's career has taken him all over the world but he says the majority of his time has been spent between Afghanistan and Burma and in Sri Lanka and Tibet.



Arguably his best-known image is that of the young "Afghan girl" he photographed in 1984 in a refugee camp in north-west Pakistan at the time of the Soviet occupation.

Camps had sprung up along the Afghan-Pakistan border and many refugees had been living there for years in conditions of great hardship. Between August and November 1984 McCurry visited most of the 30-odd camps.

It was on a visit to one of these that he encountered the girl, whose name he later learned to be Sharbat Gula, and whose photograph appeared on the front cover of National Geographic magazine in June 1985.

Coming across her in a class at a camp school, he immediately noticed her piercing green eyes and set about taking her portrait.

"For a few seconds everything was perfect, the light, the background, the expression in her eyes", he recalled in the book.

In fact, that photograph nearly did not make the front

cover as another of the same girl had been selected.

But the magazine's editor-in-chief made a habit of viewing the photographs that had been considered and discarded for the cover and was immediately struck by his other shot.

The image prompted an immediate reaction from readers and was later voted the most recognised photograph in the magazine's history.

McCurry says he has always gravitated towards portrait photography.

"I love portraits, I love examining the human face," he said.

In 2002, without even knowing her name -- the photographer went back to Pakistan with a film crew to try and find Gula.

In the intervening years her image had come to symbolise the suffering of the Afghan refugee but her life in Afghanistan had been hard

and she was unaware of its impact.

The family did not ask for money but McCurry and the magazine made it clear they wanted to help.

Over the subsequent years they were able to ensure in various ways -- such as medical treatment and a pilgrimage to Mecca -- that she and her family also shared in photography's success.

McCurry said meeting people in such conditions of suffering or hardship and then leaving without being able to help them materially or change their plight was something all photographers and journalists had to grapple with.

"It's a terrible thing and it probably affects you deeply," he said.

"But the only way we really know what is happening in the world is by people reporting on it... so I guess we just have to think 'how can I contribute?'."

"And the way I can contribute is by photography and raising awareness so people are informed," he said.

Boy band Jonas Brothers announce split 'for now'



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Heartthrob boy band the Jonas Brothers are breaking up, at least "for now," they announced Tuesday, a few weeks after canceling their latest tour due to "deep rifts" between the trio.

The group, whose career took off five years ago with Disney films and TV shows, said they decided "unanimously" to split after a meeting earlier this month.

"It's over for now," Kevin Jonas told People magazine, while brother Nick added: "It's really hard to say 'forever'."

At an October 3 meeting Nick Jonas told his brothers he was worried about the band's future. "I was feeling kind of trapped," he said. "I needed to share my heart with my brothers."

The band canceled a planned 19-date comeback tour, and a band spokesman

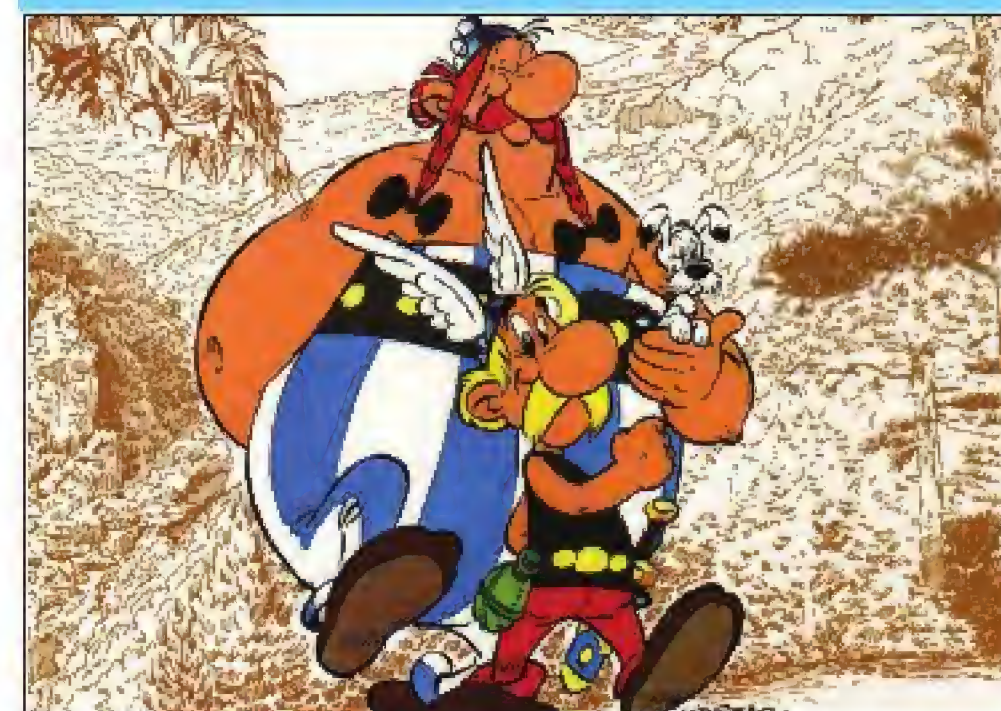
cited in reports said at the time: "There is a deep rift within the band. There was a big disagreement over their music direction."

The sibling trio, originally from New Jersey, released their first album in August 2006, but their career took off with the Disney movie "Camp Rock" in 2008, followed by a sequel two years later. They were also given their own Disney Channel TV series.

They have sold more than 20 million records, and were nominated for Best New Artist Grammy in 2008, according to their website.

They entered the Guinness Book of Records for the most singles to enter the US charts top 20 in one year, with five in 2009, and have won nearly 50 awards around the world, including an American Music Award.

Asterix returns for first new adventures in eight years



PARIS (AFP) - Comic book hero Asterix and his rotund sidekick Obelix returned for their first new adventure in eight years on Thursday, reviving a global phenomenon that has sold millions of copies around the world.

Five million copies of "Asterix and the Picts" -- the 35th instalment in a series that has become a publishing juggernaut -- were released in 15 countries and 23 languages, after months of anticipation.

The Gallic duo's latest gag-filled adventure takes them for

the first time to ancient Scotland, with the new edition's cover depicting Obelix in full caber toss as a winking Asterix sits nearby.

Two million copies were printed for France and another three million for foreign audiences, including editions in Scots and Gaelic.

The Asterix series -- created by illustrator Albert Uderzo and writer Rene Goscinny in 1959 -- is a bestseller in the comic book world, with 352 million copies sold worldwide and translations in more than 110 languages and dialects.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the decor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

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SPORTS

Sports Federations present historic training plan

ORANJESTAD - Last Thursday evening was a tremendous occasion both for the sports federations as well as the Aruba Olympic Committee. For the first time in history, three sports federations represented by their primary trainer and by the president of the federation had to present their training plan in front of a tribunal of sports experts and members of the COA Technical team. Also present at the occasion were other federations, sports members of COA, representatives of Academia Olimpico, CEMEDASR Sports Medicine and the Subsidy Commission.

Several weeks ago the Technical Director proposed to the Board of COA for the approval of a system of discussion of a Training Plan in front of a Tribunal formed by the Technical Director, Lic. Edmundo Josiah, President of the Technical Commission, Chu Halabi and the Technical Assessor, D. Abelardo Pacheco. This proposition received the blessing of COA Board.

The evening opened with words from the president of COA, Edwin Roos, and was continued with an explanation of the general intention of the evening. This was facilitated by the secretary general of COA, Nicole Hoevertsz. In her eloquent discourse, Hoevertsz showed satisfaction and



Secretary general of COA, Nicole Hoevertsz

pride that never before did the sports federations had to defend a training plan before a tribunal and before such a large audience. This, she said is evidence that Aruba's sports is moving to the next level, a more profound and professional level. Our trainers are experts who have taken various courses. The majority of our training has been organized by our own Board of Development of COA. For the year 2014 COA has a very demanding period for our sports. There are four fundamental competitions. These are the South American Games (ODESUR), the Pan American Olympic Festival, the Youth Games and the Central American Games of the Caribbean (CAC).

The first federation presented a training plan for

swimming; this was followed by bowling and cycling BMX. Ismael Santiesteban (swimming), Chris Dammers (bowling) and Joseph Everon (BMX) gave an explanation of their training plan of their federation. At the end the tribunal asked questions to each trainer.

On Saturday morning in the conference room of Casa Del Mar the analysis of the presentations were made in front of a tribunal of COA experts. They presented the Cycling federation by trainer Ervis Martinez, followed by the Triathlon by trainer Nicolaas Robert and finally the Pesis federation by trainer Patrick Vrolijk. These presentations are indicative of the steps ahead that Aruba is taking, raising our sports to yet another level of professionalism and excellence.

The National Washington team is the Champion of Coca Cola Cup!



ORANJESTAD - The first four goals scored in the first round by National/Washington youth Rendrick Lampe was enough for him to become winner of the Coca Cola Cup. In the double from Noord, the Alto Vista team won Bubali with a final score of 5-0. In the first round, National/Washington did well on the turf with total domination on Bubali. This is where Lampe scored all his four goals practically alone. In the second round Bubali was somewhat better. However, Darvin Franken succeeded in scoring goal number five for the Alto Vista team and terminating the game. Mrs. Willeke of Coca Cola presented the VIP badge to the National/Washington team. They will have the opportunity to take pictures with the FIFA World Cup in November at the Westin Resort.

Santa Fe and Britannia teams to take pictures with FIFA World Cup



ORANJESTAD - Last week, after the elimination round, four teams, RCA, Santa Fe, Britannia and Riverplate were the winners and were scheduled to play the grand final. The two winning teams will have the opportunity to take pictures with the FIFA World Cup on November 2nd at the Westin Resort.

The first game was between RCA and Santa Fe. Both teams had the opportunity to score goals; however no goals were scored hence they had to use penalty throws. Santa Fe landed her five goals without error while RCA failed one try. This is how Santa Fe became the first winner who will see the FIFA World Cup.

The second game in the female football final was between Britannia and Riverplate. Britannia and Riverplate did not score any goals and ended up with a tie game at zero goals. In the penalty throws Britannia dominated with all goals. Britannia on the other hand missed only two penalty throws. Britannia became the second team to get the opportunity to take pictures with the FIFA World Cup on November 2nd at the Westin Resort.

The two winners in the female football Coca Cola Cup are Santa Fe and Britannia. Congratulations for your excellent performance and on your pictures with the famous FIFA World Cup.



PARIS (AFP) - New Real Madrid signing Gareth Bale joined team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo and holder Lionel Messi on the Ballon D'Or shortlist Tuesday to decide the best footballer of 2013. Wales winger Bale was one of 23 nominees that included Bayern Munich's France international Franck Ribery, Paris Saint-Germain striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Manchester United forward Robin van Persie. Messi has won the last four editions of the award with Ronaldo triumphing in 2008.


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Judo: Belgian judo medalist denies taking cocaine

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Olympic bronze medalist Charline van Snick denied at a press conference on Tuesday that she took cocaine, a substance for which she tested positive at August's Judo World Championships in Rio.

The Belgian brought along a toxicologist to argue her point, claiming she had never taken the illegal Class-A drug voluntarily.

"Charline is not a cocaine user. All the analysis suggested that she was exposed in an isolated and involuntary way to this product," said Jan Tytgat, a professor of toxicology and pharmacology at the University of Leuven.

Van Snick, who could be banned for up to two years if found guilty of doping, added: "I don't understand what's hap-



pened to me, I've never taken cocaine.

"I've always tested negative in my previous tournaments. I

went to Brazil to win a medal so I knew I would be tested.

The 23-year-old, who also won bronze in Rio just as she had done in London last year, is waiting for the results from her B-sample.

Tytgat explained that two hair samples showed she had not taken cocaine between June 2011 and August 2013 but that a trace of the drug showed up for the period August 10 to October 10, although that was 200 times smaller than for a regular cocaine user.

NFL: Seahawks hold on for 14-9 win over Rams



SAINT LOUIS (AFP) - Seattle's defense made a goal-line stand in the waning seconds Monday and the Seahawks notched their fourth road win of the NFL season, 14-9 over St. Louis.

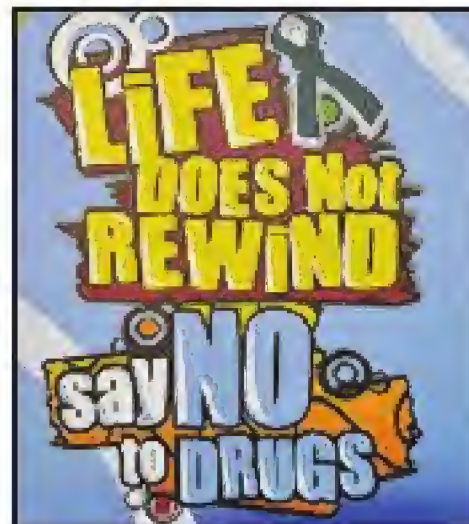
The Rams and veteran backup quarterback Kellen Clemens -- making his 13th career NFL start -- launched a drive from their own three-yard line with 5:42 remaining.

Clemens led St. Louis to the Seattle one-yard line, where Rams running back Daryl Richardson was stopped on third down, and Clemens then threw an incomplete pass aimed at Brian Quick as time expired.

The Seahawks improved to

7-1, maintaining their lead in the NFC West division over the 6-2 San Francisco 49ers.

The last time the Seahawks posted four wins on the road was in 2006. Their single-season club record for away victories is five, which they achieved in 1984 and 2005.



Pistorius to face additional gun charges at murder trial



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South African Paralympic champion Oscar Pistorius faces two additional gun-related charges at his trial for the murder of his girlfriend, the prosecution said Tuesday.

The prosecution won permission to add the charges to their main case against Pistorius for the Valentine's Day murder of Reeva Steenkamp, even though the two alleged violations are understood to have taken place before the killing.

Pistorius's defence team was informed of the decision on Tuesday, he said, adding that the charges were not new, without elaborating.

The double amputee, known as the "Blade Runner" for the fibreglass prosthetic legs he uses in competition, shocked the world when he admitted to killing Steenkamp, a blonde cover girl and law graduate.

He has however denied murder, saying he shot her through a locked bathroom door in his upmarket Pretoria home because he thought she was an intruder.

While Mncube was quoted later Tuesday as stressing the "convenience" of having the cases heard together, prosecutors have hinted at a strategy that will portray Pistorius as trigger-happy and that the killing was pre-meditated.

According to local media,

the sprint star once fired a shot through the sunroof of his former girlfriend Sananatha Taylor's car. He had also allegedly accidentally discharged a firearm at a Johannesburg restaurant, weeks before he killed Steenkamp.

Pistorius catapulted to fame at last year's London Olympics as the first double-amputee to compete against able-bodied athletes.

But the killing sent shock waves around the world and since then his reckless past and love of fast cars, beautiful women and guns has emerged in the media.

One newspaper has dubbed him the "Blade Gunner".

Pistorius has long been open about his love for guns.

The sprinter slept with a pistol under his bed at his upmarket home in a high-security Pretoria estate for fear of burglars, he told Britain's Daily Mail last year.

Just weeks after he shot Steenkamp, Pistorius's father Henke, said white South Africans must own guns because the ANC government does not protect them.

The statement caused discomfort and forced the family to publicly distance itself from the remarks.

The trial of Pistorius, who is currently out on bail, is set for March 3 to 20 at the Pretoria High Court.

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MLB: Red Sox beat Cards, close in on World Series win

SAINT LOUIS (AFP) - Boston pitcher Jon Lester brought some consistency back into the World Series on Monday, following the chaotic finishes of the previous two contests between the Red Sox and St. Louis.

The 29-year-old starting pitching struck out seven and allowed just one run on four hits en route to a 3-1 win over the Cardinals which put the Red Sox on the brink of their eighth World Series title in franchise history.

"We talked before the game and we felt it was going to be a classic pitchers' duel," said Red Sox manager John Farrell. "Jon Lester was fantastic tonight."

Strange endings were becoming the norm in this World Series as St. Louis won game three 5-4 on a game-ending interference call that allowed the winning run to score. Then on Monday, the Red Sox claimed game four 4-2 after St. Louis baserunner Kolten Wong was picked off at first base for the third out in the bottom of the ninth.

Monday's contest was just an old-fashioned pitching duel between Red Sox Lester and Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright.

The victory gave the Red Sox a 3-2 lead in Major League Baseball's best-of-



Boston's David Ross coming in safe

seven championship series, which switches back to Boston's Fenway Park for game six today.

"We are going back to a place where our guys love to play," said Farrell. "We are excited about going home in the position we are."

Boston's Japanese closer Koji Uehara recorded the final out of the contest by getting Matt Holliday on a routine fly out to right field.

The Red Sox are aiming for their first World Series title since 2007, while the Cardinals are trying to win their second in three years.

David Ortiz continued his hot hitting for the Red Sox as he batted three-for-four and is

now 11-of-15 at the plate in the Series.

"I was born for this," Ortiz said Monday.

Boston's David Ross doubled to left field in the top of the seventh inning to score rookie Xander Bogaerts and break a 1-1 tie.

Boston tacked on another run in the same inning when Jacoby Ellsbury belted an RBI single to centre field.

Holliday scored the only run for the Cardinals with a solo home run that sailed a whopping 423 feet over the centre field wall.

The Red Sox struck first in the opening inning with back-to-back doubles by Dustin Pedroia followed by Ortiz off

Wainwright.

Although he allowed the RBI double to Ortiz, Wainwright also struck out three in the first frame.

He pitched seven innings, allowing eight hits and three runs. Wainwright fanned 10 batters as he rebounded from a disappointing performance in game one where he allowed five runs and six hits in five innings.

Even though Ortiz has provided the bulk of Boston's offence in the Series, the Cardinals have surprisingly elected to pitch to him.

Ortiz is 19-for-41 in his ca-

reer in the World Series which is the best average among any player with at least 50 at-bats.

Ortiz has dominated St. Louis pitchers in the past two games and now the Redbirds need to win two games in Boston to claim the championship.

St. Louis have dropped two of three games at home in the Series after going 59-28 at Busch Stadium during the regular season.

The Red Sox will hand the ball to John Lackey for game six while the Cardinals will have Michael Wacha on the mound.

MLB best-of-seven World Series

Boston Red Sox vs St. Louis Cardinals

- Wed. Oct. 23 - St. Louis at Boston
Red Sox 8 - Cardinals 1 (Red Sox leads 1-0)
- Thu. Oct. 24 - St. Louis at Boston
Cardinals 4 - Red Sox 2 (series tied 1-1)
- Sat. Oct. 26 - Boston at St. Louis
Cardinals 5 - Red Sox 4 (Cardinals tied 2-1)
- Sun. Oct. 27 - Boston at St. Louis
Red Sox 4 - Cardinals 2 (series tied 2-2)
- Mon. Oct. 28 - Boston at St. Louis
Red Sox 3 - Cardinals 1 (Red Sox lead 3-2)
- Wed. Oct. 30 - St. Louis at Boston
- Thu. Oct. 31 - St. Louis at Boston